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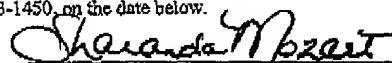
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the office communication of September 12, 2003 indicating that the claims previously submitted on July 31, 2003 were not provided with the proper claim status identifier. The claims are resubmitted below with such status identifier. The marked up copy is not included as the office communication indicated that this should not be provided again.

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A pelletized dense additive for lost circulation, seepage control, fluid loss and control of lubricity, viscosity and rheology in drilling operations, the additive comprising:

a plurality of untreated, comminuted particles formed of base material defining a ground raw base material, the base material being selected from the group consisting of raw organic materials, inorganic materials and combinations thereof, the ground raw base material being compressed and shaped to define a pellet body having a density substantially greater than the plurality of untreated comminuted particles of base material, the pellet body being operable to begin to disperse into the plurality of particles within a